

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
October 30, 2023

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on October 30, 2023, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

In Attendance: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Enderle, Mr. Menniti, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Briggman and Mayor Caffrey.

Council met prior to tonight's meeting to start work on the 2024 budget.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from September 25, 2023. All were in favor.

Mr. Clarke had a correction to make on the agenda – Human resources says motion to hire a Part-time officer and it should read Full-time officer Steven Grabov.

The swearing in of Full-time officer Steven Grabov.

Law and Planning: Mrs. Morris made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris wanted to give an update on the issue of this building. Mr. Bresnan spoke to the Abington School District, and they requested an appraisal. The appraisal was completed, and it was given to Mr. Bresnan. Mr. Bresnan was not at the council meeting as he is away. Will have an update at the next meeting.

Mrs. Paulus, 117 Borbeck asked what the appraisal was – it was \$1,950,000.

Finance: Mr. Enderle made a motion to accept the monthly bills, Tax Collectors and previous months check detail report. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills – October 2023

General Fund	– \$	574,238.66
Highway Aid	– \$	3,138.86
Capital Reserve	– \$	14,259.89
Police Pension Fund	- \$	555.30

Check Detail – September 2023

General Fund	– \$	73,575.28
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	2,722.01
Police Pension Fund	- \$	4,460.19

Mr. Enderle advised that council met prior to tonight's meeting to work on the 2024 budget.

Mr. Menniti had a question regarding an invoice from Central Restoration for work being done at the borough garage. Mr. Poster explained the payment.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurer's report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,055,403.08
	Receipts	\$ 172,991.05
	Disbursements	\$ 300,958.57
	Ending Balance	\$ 927,435.56

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 48,566.16
	Receipts	\$ 31,516.19
	Disbursements	\$ 7,719.56
	Ending Balance	\$ 72,362.79

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 147,601.57
	Receipts	\$ 6,924.43
	Disbursements	\$ 7,029.01
	Ending Balance	\$ 147,496.99

<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 175,219.67
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 29.76
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 175,249.43

<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 434,585.54
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 20,075.35
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 454,660.89

<u>ARPA Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 262,346.58
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 44.56
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 262,391.14

Public Service: Mr. Briggman had nothing at this time.

Mrs. Morris asked Mr. Poster about the Newsletter. Mr. Poster advised that he was told that it was being proofed – he will follow up tomorrow with them.

Public Safety: Mr. Clarke made a motion to accept the Police and Fire Company reports. All were in favor.

Mr. Clarke advised that as Daylight Savings time comes to an end, please know that the firehouse has smoke detectors for anyone needing one. Just stop by the Firehouse on Thursday evenings.

Mr. Kevin Fries, Town Watch advised that they logged 78 miles and 16-man hours. They were also out doing a Phillies detail in case they won.

Mayor Caffrey advised of an event on Monday, November 13, 2023, in observance of Veteran's Day. It is being held at the Rockledge Borough Municipal Hall at 7:00 pm. There will be guest speakers that will discuss their service in the military. All are welcome. Mrs. Finnegan mentioned that someone should contact St. Cecilia's about this event.

Mayor Caffrey wanted to say what a great time Saturday was with, Coffee with a Cop, Drug Take Back and Trunk or Treat. Thank you to everyone involved.

Chief Gallagher mentioned the above noted events.

Mayor Caffrey wanted to say thank you to Ira Gabriel, from Hyundai for the car clubs that he sent to Rockledge for our residents. Mayor Caffrey advised that there are clubs for your cars. They want to give it out to Hyundai and Kia owners first but call the station.

Andrea Brown, 1019 Winchester, asked about the temporary patch in the street from work Peco did. Mr. Hess advised that yes, they will do a temporary patch on work that they completed. They will come back at some time to do the permanent patch.

Mr. Menniti wanted to thank Chief Gallagher for the details at the bus stops.

Public Works/Property: Mr. Sheppard made a motion to accept the Streets Opening Report and the Streets Department Monthly Report. All were in favor.

Mr. Sheppard updates: None

Mr. Hess updates:

- Leaf collection will be starting in our parks – please bag your leaves.
- Merry go Round is defective – we are waiting for a new “hub” piece to be delivered.
- The Veteran Banner's will be swapped out with the Holiday Banners.

Recreation: Mr. Menniti wanted a discussion regarding playground updating but Mr. Hess had already discussed this.

Mrs. Brenda Corey from the 4th of July Association. She advised that the December calendars are here. The Committee will be selling until November 30. They will have a table at the Firehouse on Election Day.

Iron Hill will host a fundraiser to benefit the 4th of July Association. They will give 20% of your food bill back to the Association every Wednesday in November. The flyer is on the Rockledge Fourth of July Association Facebook page.

Human Resources: The swearing in of new Full-time officer Steven Grabov.

Manager's Report: Mr. Poster gave his Manager's Report:

Manager's Report October:

1. Thursday morning September 28th, I met with the Fox Chase-Cheltenham Rotary Club. I spoke about how I ended up with Rockledge Borough, what we are currently doing, future plans, and how can the Rotary help Rockledge Borough.
2. Thursday, September 28th, I finished my 3 class Community Planning course through Montgomery County Planning Commission.
3. Wednesday, October 4th, meet with Joe Bresnan, Rich Stoneback and someone regarding the MS4 Storm Sewer filter project for Shady Lane and Church Road. Also, discussed future storm sewer installation on the north side.
4. Wednesday, October 11th, met for Police Negotiations. An update will be given in the executive session after the meeting.
5. The rest of the month I have been working on the budget and preparing a PowerPoint presentation.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm. A representative from Montgomery County will be there to assist with restarting the Mill Park Project.
- Wednesday, November 15th, Police Negotiation Meeting.
- Because we will not have our next Council Meeting until after Thanksgiving, I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to all! The Borough office and Public Works will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Holiday.

Mrs. Morris advised that Council will meet at 6:00 pm on November 27, 2023 to continue work on the 2024 budget.

Mr. Clarke wanted to mention that the Fire Company will be having a Designer Bag bingo on December 1 at the firehouse.

Mrs. Morris wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween, stop by the Police Station for some big candy bars!

Public Comment:

None

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk